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PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d)		Electric motors under 720W '000		Four weeks ended	Coal (e) '000 tonnes
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
<i>1986-87—</i>																
March	24,525	43.3	10,804	11,007	40,579	43,074	531	519	504	489	25.3	23.4	199	194	April 4	16,368
April	34.4	10,409	11,079	41,596	44,908	462	501	490	502	24.2	27.2	158	182	May 2	12,930	
May	37.7	11,457	11,086	46,777	43,432	479	470	499	477	29.3	26.9	173	200	May 30	15,548	
June	24,608	37.2	11,844	11,003	49,007	43,102	333	506	469	464	25.3	23.8	198	207	June 27	15,783
<i>1987-88—</i>																
July	46.3	12,566	10,749	56,709	46,033	552	512	505	471	31.1	25.3	193	170	July 25	14,470	
August	47.2	12,075	11,081	52,306	46,105	547	532	485	470	28.4	25.0	187	176	August 22	14,263	
September	26,629	40.4	11,228	11,183	49,379	45,606	562	557	509	486	29.4	26.1	209	172	September 19	10,673
October	49.4	11,346	11,477	45,493	44,661	524	519	556	506	29.8	26.8	225	185	October 17	15,442	
November	40.6	r10,870	r11,552	39,857	42,894	479	499	525	507	29.8	27.5	201	175	November 14	15,513	
December	26,225	30.6	11,021	11,685	37,958	43,940	445	445	532	549	25.1	27.6	190	187	December 12	15,206
January	29.7	11,510	12,420	35,567	43,936	406	411	362	539	7.0	22.6	r84	r176	January 9	4,197	
February	41.4	r11,493	r12,372	37,696	43,305	475	510	509	503	r25.2	r25.9	184	187	February 6	12,940	
March	24,283	44.9	r11,431	r11,527	41,443	43,748	584	575	545	518	r31.3	r27.4	197	180	March 5	13,208
April	35.5	11,723	12,562	38,747	42,104	492	525	499	512	24.1	28.9	164	r199	April 2	14,876	
May	n.y.a.	13,164	12,779	47,078	43,618	481	467	529	510	27.8	24.5	214	249	April 30	12,613	

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woollen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketeting) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Price index manufacturing division(a) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)	Meat '000 tonnes	Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres	Brokers and dealers receivables of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	STOCKS(d)		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				Original	Seas. adj.	Total receivables by tonnes	% of total received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
<i>1986-87—</i>															
March	3,270	3,020	984	889	15,366	14,047	466.0	207	198	442	564	54,511	76.9	44,688	44,593
April	3,866	4,130	1,069	1,069	14,368	15,150	468.4	204	r200	367	570	45,176	77.5		
May	3,695	3,025	923	911	15,356	14,747	469.8	202	205	328	564	40,899	74.7		
June	3,341	3,013	915	978	16,334	14,239	471.7	191	196	303	550	34,034	79.6	r44,664	r44,823
<i>1987-88—</i>															
July	4,419	3,635	921	863	15,826	13,788	474.1	209	194	349	505	61,117	81.6		
August	3,739	3,344	913	973	16,509	15,457	478.3	186	198	486	491	97,670	81.9		
September	3,628	3,264	1,107	1,054	14,659	13,414	480.8	203	189	649	497	127,558	80.4	r46,170	r45,994
October	4,061	3,588	1,008	884	14,491	12,448	483.0	234	222	797	511	122,558	78.0		
November	3,387	3,467	966	846	14,312	13,392	486.8	214	216	752	507	104,412	77.7		
December	2,582	3,404	775	946	13,063	15,499	489.6	198	209	696	517	59,737	77.0	r47,246	r47,373
January	781	2,611	448	752	3,677	11,890	494.3	181	211	604	513	37,755	80.7		
February	3,324	3,376	994	900	15,279	14,403	498.4	215	219	471	532	r58,638	79.1		
March	3,465	3,024	r1,069	r874	r15,394	13,652	501.3	235	209	399	508	r60,013	79.3	p48,607	48,498
April	3,320	3,432	r772	r813	13,235	13,807	504.2	r182	r191	321	497	41,841	80.8		
May	3,319	2,933	812	793	14,722	14,337	n.y.a.	187	182	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 3629.0.

FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m				Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100.0)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments—current transactions \$m		
	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Exports f.o.b. Seas. adj.	Imports f.o.b. Seas. adj.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	Official reserve assets (b) \$m
<i>1986-87—</i>									
March	3,032	3,059	6,449	5,236	242	161.1	-216	-914	13,866
April	2,919	2,897			240		-337	-1,135	16,867
May	3,151	2,906			243		-150	-880	16,787
June	3,372	3,270	6,538	5,252	243	158.3	-141	-804	17,594
<i>1987-88—</i>									
July	2,931	3,472			245		-826	-1,369	18,512
August	3,160	3,968			247		-170	-234	19,315
September	3,081	3,998	6,428	5,313	252	158.2	-737	-1,337	19,557
October	3,077	3,302			253		-436	-1,252	19,858
November	3,350	3,218			258		-297	-800	17,607
December	3,842	3,594	6,817	5,725	264	p164.6	-56	-747	17,430
January	3,478	2,926			268		356	-441	17,169
February	3,627	3,389			p272		-19	-816	16,697
March	3,592	3,748	7,087	5,781	278	n.y.a.	-244	-1,145	16,331
April	3,390	3,096			p280		311	-26	16,564
May	n.y.a.	3,855			n.y.a.		-335	-1,178	19,457

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics.

(b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) \$m									
	Total					New motor cars and station wagons registered '000				
	Current prices		Average 1979-80 prices			Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists		Department stores		Other new motor vehicles registered(b) '000
Original	Seas. adj.	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.
<i>1986-87—</i>										
March	4,515	4,751	4,768	7,781	8,287	1,501	1,535	463	541	32.0
April	4,651	4,855	4,800			1,530	1,541	519	545	26.2
May	4,788	4,741	4,840			1,525	1,543	552	549	28.6
June	4,583	4,861	4,886	8,134	8,363	1,474	1,543	520	554	32.6
<i>1987-88—</i>										
July	4,912	5,029	4,934			1,544	1,544	557	557	32.6
August	4,676	4,970	4,978			1,514	1,549	463	559	30.0
September	4,833	5,009	5,011	8,246	8,563	1,515	1,556	520	561	29.1
October	5,123	5,025	5,035			1,611	1,565	545	564	34.0
November	5,088	5,048	5,055			1,561	1,575	576	567	32.3
December	7,008	5,092	5,076	9,698	8,552	1,874	1,586	1,133	572	31.9
January	4,800	5,076	5,102			1,549	1,596	485	575	30.7
February	4,656	5,093	5,127			1,529	1,607	421	577	30.2
March	5,132	5,248	5,148	8,066	8,546	1,676	1,617	522	577	30.3
April	4,945	5,117	5,165			1,606	1,626	553	577	30.4
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p35.5	7.6
									p33.8	6.1
										7.0
										7.3
										8.8
										p8.2

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (\$)		Average weekly ordinary full-time adult persons (\$)		Index of minimum award rates of pay, full-time adult persons, June 1981 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index : Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females	All	adult persons			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)
1986-87—															
March					109.8		164.7	157.7	153.1	166.2	162.1	176.8	185.2	158.7	143.8
April					109.8										
May	451.70	299.00	436.50		109.8	1.23	167.2	157.9	157.8	169.4	165.6	178.4	189.7	162.0	146.0
June					109.8										
1987-88—															
July					109.9										
August	458.10	302.30	444.50		109.9	1.22	170.0	160.2	159.1	172.3	168.8	181.9	192.6	163.7	148.7
September					110.1										
October					110.3										
November	471.10	306.60	450.50		110.5	1.46	172.9	162.2	163.8	174.4	171.4	186.7	195.9	168.4	149.5
December					110.8										
January					n.y.s.										
February	477.00	314.10	458.80		n.y.s.	1.34	176.0	165.0	163.9	177.2	173.4	188.6	199.8	176.2	155.3
March					n.y.s.										
April					n.y.s.										
May	n.y.s.	n.y.s.	n.y.s.		n.y.s.	1.38									

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0)	Price indexes(a)		Private new capital expenditure(b)(c) \$ m		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1986-87—															
March	1,512.6	1,418.6	10.3	9.8	274.7	4,085.4	4,425.8	27.0	29.1	107.1	183.6	1,537	1,792	3,076	3,559
April	1,401.2	1,437.6	9.5	9.5	240.7					109.8	184.9				
May	1,429.2	1,392.6	10.5	10.1	231.3					108.0	185.2				
June	1,607.7	1,443.5	11.0	10.2	286.0	4,433.4	4,365.3	27.8	27.8	108.4	186.9	1,781	1,785	3,892	3,590
1987-88—															
July	1,603.6	1,557.8	11.2	10.8	206.7					108.9	187.7				
August	1,846.7	1,738.0	10.5	10.4	111.2					109.8	188.9				
September	1,615.2	1,613.6	11.6	11.0	224.6	4,844.3	4,596.8	31.0	29.4	112.2	188.8	1,951	1,950	3,461	3,504
October	1,818.7	1,786.7	12.1	11.5	238.0					110.8	191.7				
November	1,778.4	1,652.6	12.6	12.2	167.9					112.0	194.3				
December	1,727.1	1,715.1	11.8	11.9	262.8	5,026.3	4,980.5	33.4	32.6	p112.9	196.2	2,391	2,089	4,092	3,885
January	1,462.0	1,971.7	10.2	13.7	170.3					p113.8	p198.5				
February	1,919.4	2,139.6	12.8	13.4	256.3					p114.7	p199.4				
March	1,825.1	1,650.8	14.5	13.0	209.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p116.1	p200.9	p1,775	p2,088	p3,310	p3,820
April	1,878.6	2,027.9	12.6	13.9	212.1					n.y.a.	p202.6				
May	2,562.3	2,356.8	15.3	13.9	457.2					n.y.a.	n.y.a.				

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction. (c) These data are not directly comparable with estimates published prior to 10 December 1987.

FINANCE

Month	Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)												Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m	
	Savings banks—depositors' balances (a)				Major trading banks (b)				Commonwealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent					
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m			
<i>1986-87—</i>														
March	47,675	47,942	46,595	45,905	44,794	44,953	907	162	76	14.10			7,064	
April	48,993	49,724	46,701	45,866	45,973	45,152	931	167	75	13.85			10,748	
May	50,607	50,984	46,411	46,469	46,093	45,723	844	169	73	13.25			7,400	
June	52,481	52,260	46,207	46,352	45,773	45,880	859	192	69	13.00			7,687	
<i>1987-88—</i>														
July	53,640	53,398	46,598	46,881	45,998	45,765	1,004	191	76	12.85			5,929	
August	54,244	53,865	45,902	46,674	45,618	45,832	908	217	67	12.60			6,877	
September	55,012	54,818	45,865	46,271	46,366	46,760	1,220	258	76	11.80			5,199	
October	55,334	55,291	46,926	47,148	47,316	46,990	1,155	326	80	13.00			5,644	
November	55,969	56,152	47,567	48,223	47,397	47,507	1,162	294	76	12.35			6,735	
December	57,495	56,901	47,873	47,424	48,457	48,315	1,345	257	72	11.45			7,485	
January	56,910	57,102	47,120	47,000	47,572	47,831	850	175	61	11.35			6,494	
February	57,485	57,359	46,638	46,156	47,167	47,831	1,331	288	79	11.55			6,730	
March	57,599	57,996	47,617	46,717	47,564	47,723	1,771	390	96	10.85			8,596	
April	58,799	59,633	47,681	46,966	46,653	46,809	1,324	322	82	10.90			9,500	
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	47,028	47,174	47,404	47,034	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12.30			n.y.a.	

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
(*\$ million*)

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure												Gross fixed capital expenditure							
	Gross domestic product				Gross farm product				Gross non-farm product				Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
AT CURRENT PRICES																				
<i>1986-87—</i>																				
December	68,985	64,113	4,279	2,572	64,706	61,541	40,377	38,015	12,391	11,954	11,416	10,845	4,855	4,782						
March	62,624	65,797	2,231	2,640	60,393	63,157	37,200	38,791	11,417	12,226	9,948	10,988	4,053	4,668						
June	66,753	68,798	1,753	2,744	65,000	66,054	38,914	39,562	13,382	12,551	11,657	11,314	5,828	4,869						
<i>1987-88—</i>																				
September	70,356	69,792	2,467	2,836	67,889	66,956	40,700	40,920	12,232	12,673	11,825	11,685	4,162	4,591						
December	76,900	71,844	4,964	2,996	71,936	68,848	44,163	41,548	13,547	13,069	13,356	12,691	4,365	4,490						
March	71,685	74,790	2,553	3,408	69,132	71,382	40,967	42,481	12,650	13,560	11,663	12,853	3,990	4,596						
AT AVERAGE 1984-85 PRICES																				
<i>1986-87—</i>																				
December	61,334	56,403	4,391	2,424	56,943	53,979	34,498	32,544	11,031	10,607	9,435	8,966	4,198	4,136						
March	54,208	56,965	2,056	2,455	52,152	54,510	31,259	32,608	10,008	10,763	8,083	8,917	3,463	3,988						
June	56,604	58,364	1,430	2,410	55,174	55,954	32,218	32,719	11,737	10,937	9,380	9,109	4,938	4,129						
<i>1987-88—</i>																				
September	58,050	58,081	1,763	2,223	56,287	55,858	33,112	33,249	10,367	10,808	9,377	9,268	3,441	3,798						
December	63,421	58,801	4,186	2,297	59,235	56,504	35,332	33,304	11,497	11,055	10,460	9,937	3,104	3,644						
March	57,204	59,610	1,756	2,404	55,448	57,206	32,240	33,452	10,520	11,332	9,024	9,948	3,154	3,636						
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued																				
	Imports of goods and services				Exports of goods and services				Wages, salaries and supplements				Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises							
															Household income (original)					
Quarter	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Wages, salaries and supplements	Total household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income		
<i>1986-87—</i>																				
December	12,095	11,990	10,993	10,807	34,593	32,886	9,896	9,106	17,050	14,511	34,586	36,593	8,963	47,630						
March	11,336	11,974	10,435	10,841	31,706	33,368	8,505	9,205	14,359	15,423	31,693	49,792	10,710	39,082						
June	11,740	11,844	11,112	10,894	34,675	34,400	9,421	9,849	14,375	16,416	34,671	55,906	15,732	40,174						
<i>1987-88—</i>																				
September	12,649	12,002	10,916	11,081	35,284	35,286	10,089	9,745	16,887	16,340	35,287	55,830	9,633	46,197						
December	13,240	13,112	12,451	12,187	37,511	36,084	11,443	10,530	19,135	16,342	37,493	61,927	10,895	51,032						
March	12,948	13,703	12,941	13,386	36,324	37,275	10,032	10,860	16,388	17,984	36,304	57,321	11,870	45,451						

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**SURVEY
OF JOB
VACANCIES
(b)**

LABOUR FORCE(a)

Month	Employed ('000 persons)				Unemployed ('000 persons)				Participation rate (per cent)				Number of job vacancies ('000)	
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total		Unemployment rate (per cent)		Original Seas. adj.			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1987—														
March	5,706.2	5,681.9	7,109.1	7,056.0	562.4	534.3	702.5	647.6	9.0	8.4	63.0	62.2		
April	5,687.5	5,704.2	7,087.7	7,078.1	530.8	530.3	652.1	640.5	8.4	8.3	62.3	62.2		
May	5,680.2	5,696.5	7,084.0	7,077.1	530.6	532.3	635.0	636.1	8.2	8.2	62.0	62.0	53.8	
June	5,690.8	5,719.1	7,111.2	7,114.1	506.2	519.8	603.6	621.3	7.8	8.0	61.9	62.1		
July	5,771.9	5,760.7	7,157.8	7,145.3	510.9	528.7	610.2	636.6	7.9	8.2	62.2	62.3		
August	5,656.3	5,716.0	7,073.2	7,136.3	495.4	509.2	601.9	626.4	7.8	8.1	61.4	62.1		
September	5,734.4	5,720.8	7,165.8	7,129.3	489.6	501.8	598.2	603.6	7.7	7.8	62.0	61.8		
October	5,751.0	5,755.7	7,156.1	7,143.2	475.6	514.6	585.2	632.2	7.6	8.1	61.7	62.0		
November	5,705.6	5,708.7	7,139.9	7,123.3	469.6	508.7	566.3	617.9	7.3	8.0	61.5	61.6		
December	5,872.2	5,794.4	7,307.9	7,218.8	506.7	501.6	619.6	611.8	7.8	7.8	63.0	62.2		
1988—														
January	5,825.0	5,832.3	7,145.3	7,296.0	541.9	499.6	645.2	614.1	8.3	7.8	61.8	62.8		
February	5,845.6	5,833.6	7,219.1	7,261.7	519.8	466.6	642.8	583.7	8.2	7.4	62.3	62.2		
March	5,884.5	5,859.2	7,346.1	7,310.8	493.0	467.5	642.3	588.3	8.0	7.4	63.3	62.5		
April	5,874.6	5,891.9	7,353.5	7,342.4	491.4	490.1	642.8	628.5	8.0	7.9	63.1	62.9		
May	5,854.3	5,871.6	7,326.1	7,318.7	468.6	469.6	591.9	592.5	7.5	7.5	62.4	58.5		

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about three-fifths of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0). (b) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0).

**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)
('000 persons)**

Month	Australia												Total Govt. and Private	
	Government						Commonwealth							
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	State(b)	Local	Total		
1986—														
October	1,946.5	1,566.9	804.0	483.0	515.4	149.0	56.8	121.3	3,889.4	438.7	1,159.8	156.3	1,754.9	5,643.0
November	1,962.3	1,573.3	805.2	485.1	520.0	151.1	55.5	120.8	3,924.0	438.8	1,154.5	156.1	1,749.4	5,673.3
December	1,959.4	1,579.1	803.0	484.1	521.5	151.5	55.0	120.3	3,947.0	440.1	1,131.4	155.3	1,726.9	5,673.8
1987—														
January	1,917.5	1,537.6	792.7	465.2	515.1	147.5	54.4	117.6	3,870.2	440.2	1,085.2	152.0	1,677.4	5,547.4
February	1,953.5	1,567.7	807.0	474.0	526.9	148.8	55.1	120.6	3,939.4	441.0	1,118.6	154.8	1,714.4	5,653.8
March	1,960.7	1,579.7	808.9	477.2	524.3	152.4	54.7	121.6	3,940.6	442.4	1,141.6	155.1	1,739.4	5,679.6
April	1,979.8	1,589.5	817.6	479.3	522.5	154.7	55.4	122.1	3,979.7	447.1	1,146.6	153.6	1,719.9	5,719.7
May	1,989.6	1,604.0	822.4	480.0	525.1	155.9	56.0	123.4	4,003.8	442.1	1,155.3	153.7	1,727.7	5,756.4
June	1,991.7	1,597.6	822.2	480.2	525.3	154.2	55.8	122.7	3,977.7	442.5	1,133.1	156.6	1,760.3	5,749.9
July	2,002.3	1,626.9	821.2	487.5	525.5	153.4	55.4	121.6	4,002.4	502.4	1,133.1	154.9	1,790.4	5,792.8
August	2,002.6	1,619.4	818.0	485.9	524.0	152.2	55.0	122.2	4,034.1	436.5	1,152.1	156.7	1,745.3	5,779.4
September	2,009.0	1,621.3	819.3	485.8	523.0	151.3	54.7	122.3	4,039.8	433.4	1,158.5	157.0	1,748.9	5,788.7
October	2,035.0	1,629.1	835.2	482.4	521.4	150.4	52.3	123.2	4,089.7	432.1	1,150.6	156.5	1,739.2	5,829.0
November	2,059.7	1,639.7	843.2	487.4	528.1	151.5	52.5	125.3	4,145.9	432.2	1,152.2	157.2	1,741.5	5,887.4
December	2,065.8	1,649.2	838.8	487.4	529.1	151.1	51.4	125.0	4,166.7	432.6	1,143.1	157.2	1,733.0	5,899.7

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers are collected. For further details see Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia (6248.0) and Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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